

MONTHLY SORTIE GOALS			
961st Airborne Air Control Squadron			
Monthly flying-hour contract	4.9		
Hours flown	17.9		
Monthly offset	13.0		
909th Air Refueling Squadron			
Monthly flying-hour contract	78.0		
Hours flown	62.9		
Monthly offset	-15.1		
67th Fighter Squadron			
Monthly sortie contract	114.8		
Sorties flown	137.6		
Monthly offset	22.8		
44th Fighter Squadron			
Monthly sortie contract	81.0		
Sorties flown	125.0		
Monthly offset	44.0		
33rd Rescue Squadron			
Monthly flying-hour contract	43.3		
Hours flown	31.0		
Monthly offset	12.3		
Source: 18th MOS/MXOOP, as of March 5			

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WEEKEND WEATHER

TODAY: Mostly cloudy  
NW winds @ 10-15 knots  
High: 71 Low: 63

SATURDAY: Mostly cloudy  
S winds @ 6-10 knots  
High: 73 Low: 64

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy  
N/SW winds @ 10-30 knots  
High: 70 Low: 62

FRIDAY MORNING'S  
COMMUNITYBANK  
EXCHANGERATES  
BUYING: \$1=¥115 SELLING: ¥121=\$1

# Lost & Found

## Joint rescue effort finds scuba divers lost at sea

**By Master Sgt. Adam Johnston**  
*18th Wing Public Affairs*

Lost.

That was the fate of two scuba divers – a local Okinawan and a U.S. Marine – Sunday as they clung in the dark to the bottom of an 80-foot cliff in Okinawa as rain and 15-foot waves relentlessly pounded away at their hope.

Thanks to Airmen from Kadena and Japanese responders, the two were saved in the early morning hours Monday following a five-hour search and rescue operation.

“It was definitely a highly technical and dangerous rescue operation,” said 2nd Lt. Timothy L. James, a combat rescue officer with Kadena’s

31st Rescue Squadron. “It just goes to show that if U.S. and Japanese forces work together, there is nothing that can’t be accomplished.”

Before Air Force rescuers were called, nightfall had set in -- along with hypothermia -- and the two divers simply hung on in the dark.

Japanese Coast Guard helicopters, searching for several hours, had already withdrawn because of the limitations created by the setting sun.

Hold on.



JAMES

Six hours earlier, the wayward divers had helped two others get to safety on a similar cliff ledge at Maeda Point – a popular dive site in Okinawa.



MOLNAR

Although they had helped save the other divers, the would-be rescuers became victims of the rough surf and weather, according to official reports.

But even at night, help came.

Within 40 minutes of the call, Airmen from the 718th

Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at Kadena had an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter ready to carry four aircrew and two pararescuers into the night.

Wearing night vision goggles, the Airmen from the 31st and 33rd Rescue Squadrons arrived on scene at approximately 8:30 p.m.

While the Airmen flew flight patterns over the area trying to locate the two lost divers, they coordinated with Japanese rescuers on the ground. The local rescuers

suspected a cave in the area and spotlighted it for the U.S. aircrew.

“We flew over the site and got visual confirmation on the two,” said Lieutenant James. “They were lodged in a hole just above the point where 15- to 20-foot waves were crashing into the side of the cliff,” he said.

The first attempt at rescue came from the air.

Using a winch, the crew tried lowering Staff Sgt. Mark Molnar, a pararescueman with the 31st RQS, from the helicopter to the survivors.

That didn’t work.

Winds were too strong. And the two survivors were clinging too close to the cliff.

The aircrew instead low-

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# Kadena F-15s fly in Malaysia exercise

**By John Monroe**  
*18th Wing Public Affairs*

Multinational pilots from the United States and Malaysia have joined forces in the Pacific skies for Cope Taufan ‘06, a three-week air-to-air training exercise designed to sharpen air combat tactic skills and promote closer relations between allies.

Cope Taufan, Taufan meaning “big storm” in Malaysian, is held annually by the Royal Malaysian Air Force and the U.S. Air Force in Butterworth near the northwest coast of the country.

Eight F-15s and more than 114 people from the 18th Wing at Kadena, including maintainers, munition handlers and pilots, are participating in the exercise that began March 10.

The Royal Malaysian Air Force will participate in the

three-week exercise with MiG-29, Hawk 208, and the F/A-18D aircraft.

“This exercise is a chance for Team Kadena, regardless of rank or specialty, to work with our counterparts from the Royal Malaysian Air Force to sharpen air combat capabilities and operational proficiencies” said Lt. Col. Jeff “Lenny” Gustafson, 67th Fighter Squadron commander. “This global engagement is fostering mutually beneficial relations with Malaysia which facilitates peace and stability in the Pacific Region.”

The Air Force has often found opportunities to train with the F/A-18 aircraft in joint-service exercises with the Navy. But this event marks one of the few times that the Air Force has had an opportunity to train with the MiG-29, an aircraft usually employed

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NCO Exchange

Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary M. Edwards, Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Don Alexander, NCO in charge of airfield operations management, briefed Japan Air Self-Defense Force NCOs on how his job impacts the Air Force mission Tuesday. The Japanese military members are here as part of an NCO exchange between Kadena and Nyataburu AB, Japan. Earlier this month Airman from Kadena spent two weeks at Nyataburu to understand how Japanese NCOs operate. Officials say the exchange program promotes military professionalism between NCOs.



# Air Force Smart Operations 21

By Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force

Our role as an Air Force is to provide an array of capabilities for the Combatant Commanders to use as directed by the President. These capabilities include the widest variety of joint operations from combat operations to humanitarian aid.

Like any other organization, we must seek to constantly give value to our "customers." It's not only the right thing to do for the American taxpayer; it's the smart thing to do.

In my December "Letter to Airmen," I talked about expanding LEAN concepts beyond just depot operations. That effort has now grown into Air Force Smart Opera-

tions 21 (AFSO 21), a dedicated effort to maximize value and minimize waste in our operations.

AFSO 21 is a leadership program for commanders and supervisors at all levels, looking at each process from beginning to end.

It doesn't just look at *how* we can do each task better, but asks the tougher and more important question: *Why* are we doing it this way? Is each of the tasks relevant, productive, and value added? In other words is it necessary at all? With AFSO 21, we will march unnecessary work out the door -- forever.

AFSO 21 signifies a shift in our thinking. It is centered on processes (groups of tasks) rather than tasks alone, which allows us to gain

insights into the value, or lack of value, in each task we perform. For example, why does an EPR take 21 days at some bases to process, and only 8 at another? We must do better across the entire Air Force, and no process is immune from this critical review.

AFSO 21 is built on successful principles from the corporate world, and has already yielded results in the Air Force. AFMC has used the tenets of AFSO 21 to put an extra 100 tankers back on the line each day. AFSO 21 is about working smarter to deliver warfighting capabilities.

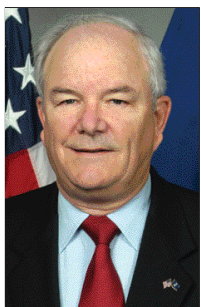
We must continue to meet our worldwide requirements even with the continued pressure on our budget. But AFSO 21 is not about cost cutting; it enables our service to take our warfighters of today and grow them into the most effective and efficient

thinkers for 2010 and beyond. The continuous process improvements of AFSO 21 will be the new culture of our Air Force.

We will look at innovative ways to use our materiel and personnel more efficiently. For example, we're already planning on using the Guard and Reserve differently under the concept of Total Force Integration, capitalizing on their inherent strengths.

As AFSO 21 training comes to your base, ask yourself, "What have I improved today?" Every idea is worth taking to your supervisor. To learn more about the AFSO 21 program, visit the AFSO 21 website at <http://www.afs021.hq.af.mil/>.

I have full faith that by implementing AFSO 21 together, we will make our Air Force not only more effective, but will drastically improve our combat capability.



## Garbage and gas

Yesterday after finishing a shift I took the trash to the dumpster. As I peered inside the dumpster, I noticed two gas cans inside: a five-gallon and a one-gallon. I pulled them both out and discovered that the five-gallon can still had about two inches of gas in it and the one-gallon can was full. I secured the two cans at the corner of the building and went inside to call the fire department. I spoke to a gentleman on the phone and told him about the situation. He put me on hold for a few minutes, then came back on the phone and said "Sir, our assistant fire chief said to 'Take it to the gas station.'"

I simply didn't think it should be left at that, so I called wing safety, where I spoke to a local national. She took my number and another gentleman called me from environmental. He said he would call hazardous materials and have them come pick it up. A few minutes later, a local national called me and asked if he could pick it up in the morning.

I told him that I simply didn't have the facility to store it properly and I would take care of it myself. I took the cans home with me and used them in a lawn mower.

What really gets me about this is that as "environmentally conscience" as Kadena is supposed to be, no one really seemed to care.

Just a scenario, but lets say that this made it into the base landfill. From there, it gets punctured by the dozers that work the landfill and then its ignited by something, such as heavy equipment exhaust. Think of several million tons of combustible material ignited by a gallon of gas.

Maybe I took the whole incident too seriously. If I did, then please accept my apologies. I just felt that someone needed to know about this.

Thank you for your concern and phone calls to resolve this hazardous material issue--your actions were spot-on! We have re-looked at this matter and determined the better course of action would have been to pick-up the gasoline containers at the time of your call. The safety of base personnel and protection of our environment are extremely important priorities for Kadena. Putting gasoline containers or other hazardous materials like car batteries, paint, chemicals or tires into dumpsters are unauthorized acts which endanger our people and pollute the environment. Your unit environmental coordinator or the base environmental flight can provide more guidance on how to better protect the environment. A better environment is everybody's business!



Brig. Gen. Punch Moulton  
18th Wing commander

## ACTION LINE

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The 18th Wing is very interested in ideas that can make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play. If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it. Although not required, it's better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agencies with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, send us an e-mail. Include your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you, and a brief summary of your concern.

**Don't drink  
& drive**  
It has been...

**8 days**  
since the last DUI arrest on Kadena.  
60 days = 18th Wing 'Down Day'



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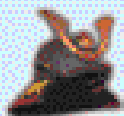
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## SHOGUN WARRIORS OF THE WEEK

Editor's note : Shogun Warriors are selected by unit leaders for their outstanding value to their unit and dedication to the Kadena mission. To nominate someone, send the name of your nominee to your unit commander or senior enlisted leaders.



Senior Airman Joshua Roberts  
Unit: 18th Munitions Squadron  
Hometown: Crescent City, Calif.  
Reason for nomination: Ensures serviceability of the Air Force's largest conventional munitions stockpile giving Kadena pilots lethal first-strike capability. He also performed shipping inspections on Air Force and Army munitions for Exercise Balikatan '06.  
Time at Kadena: 3 years



Staff Sgt. Irene Kastanas  
Unit: 353rd Operations Support Squadron  
Hometown: Athens, Greece  
Reason for nomination: A true multitasker! Built and executed 80 plus sorties for two exercises, seven Army mission support requests and aircrew flying training requirements. All requirements met.  
Time at Kadena: 2 years

## This week in 18th Wing History

- On March 17, 2000, Secretary of Defense William S. Cohen visited Kadena as part of a ten-day tour of the Pacific Region.
- On March, 20, 1974, Kadena police used radar guns for the first time to track speeders on base.



**DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE:** Did you know - 21 to 34-year-old drivers are responsible for nearly 60 percent of all alcohol-related vehicle crashes?

**ENERGY CONSERVATION TIP:** When time comes around to purchase new computer monitors, choose the smallest monitor that meets your needs. A 17-inch monitor consumes 35 percent more electricity than a 14-inch monitor.

**BASEBALLCHAMPSWOBODA:** Former New York Mets outfielder and 1969 World Series champion Ron Swoboda will be at the Four Diamonds Softball Complex tomorrow from noon to 4 p.m. for the Ron Swoboda Spring Slam Softball Invitational. The invitational is one of several yearly community friendship events and involves both Kadena AB and local Okinawa teams. Mr. Swoboda, here to raise awareness for the June 24 Kadena Special Olympics, will be available to meet members of the Okinawa military community and sign autographs.

**ENTERTAINERSNEEDED:** Performers are needed to support the 6th Annual Kadena Special Olympics scheduled June 24. Call Senior Master Sgt. Tanya Manglona at 634-2080 or Master Sgt. Warren Rogers at 634-8935.

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:** Pedestrians are reminded to look left first, then right, when preparing to cross the street. Whenever a pedestrian is using or waiting to use a marked crosswalk, a vehicle must make a temporary stop and not interfere with the pedestrian's movement. A

pedestrian using a crosswalk has the right-of-way over vehicles at all times. Pedestrians should use extreme caution when crossing in marked crosswalks. You should ensure that all traffic has stopped before stepping onto the crosswalk.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Protestant Women of the Chapel winter Bible study sessions run every Tuesday until April 4. Bible studies are held from 9 to 11 a.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Kadena Chapel 1.

**AIR FORCE AID GRANTS:** The Air Force Aid Society can help dependent children of active, retired and deceased Air Force members apply for the General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program. The society recently increased the individual award amount under the program to \$2,000. For more information, visit [www.afas.org](http://www.afas.org). The deadline for application is today.

**POWER OUTAGES:** The following 18th Services Squadron facilities will be closed for power outages: Tuesday - Auto Skills from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday - Risner Fitness Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; March 29 - Okuma from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (only cabanas affected).

**AF COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT SURVEY:** The AF Integrated Delivery System (IDS) Working Group is sponsoring the 2006 Community Assessment (CA) Survey of service members, spouses, reservists, and reserve spouses. This is the best way for Air Force community members to make their opinions and needs known. The survey results will be used by base leadership and

## Ribbon cutting



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Stephanie Sinclair

Brig. Gen. Robert H. McMahon, director of logistics, Air Mobility Command (left); Gen. Duncan J. McNabb, AMC commander; Col. Jeff Worthing, 733rd Air Mobility Squadron commander, and Col. Jeff Kennedy, 18th Wing vice commander, cut a ribbon with huge scissors on Tuesday to signify the official opening of the Mechanized Materiel Handling System that will allow the 733rd AMS to reduce ground time of cargo aircraft by allowing faster movement of materials and supplies.

the Air Force to target resources where they are most needed and enhance the well-being of the community. The six-week survey starts mid-March; it's web-based and anonymous with results arriving in September. Close to 1,000 spouses and AF members will be selected for the survey. Selection notification will be by mail and/or electronic. For more information, call Maj. Julian McLeod at 634-2499 or Capt. Jonathan Hurt at 634-4821.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** The Kadena Officer Spouses Club is offering scholarship opportunities for graduating high school seniors, sons and daughters already in college, and dependent spouses for undergraduate and gradu-

ate studies. Dependents of active-duty Air Force of any rank, retired Air Force or KOSC members with SOFA status are eligible to apply. Applications are available at the base library, Kadena Gift Corner, base education office, Officers Club and high school guidance office. The deadline is March 31.

**GIRLSBOATCAMP:** The Kadena Girl Scouts are accepting registration for Kaleidoscope Day Camp for SOFA status girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. The camp will be held April 10-13 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bob Hope Elementary School. Call 634-0753 to register or volunteer to help with the camp.

**FOREIGNSPOUSES:** The Family Support Center is accepting appointments for its April 21 immigration, green card and citizenship class. The class, which is held every third Friday of each month from 8 to 9:30 a.m., provides information, handouts and assistance with applications from government immigration officials. For more information, call 634-3366.

**DRAGONBOATVOLUNTEERS:** Men and women are needed for teams that will participate in this year's Naha Dragon Boat Race scheduled for May 5. Volunteers must be Airmen, civilian employees or family members over the age of 18. For more information, call 634-0562.

## Seeing how they run



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

Hundreds turned out for "See How They Run," a Kadena High School drama production at the Kadena High School auditorium Saturday. The play -- which ran Friday and Saturday -- appeared to be a hit with the audience. The drama also marked the end of a 25-year era of productions produced by Vickie Briscoe, KHS drama teacher. Ms. Briscoe will retire at the end of the school year.

## The Okinawa Perspective

*The following is a synopsis of articles that appeared recently in Japanese newspapers.*

- Kadena Town Mayor Tokujitsu Miyagi delivered an administrative policy speech at the Kadena Town Assembly session, March 9. In his speech, the mayor indicated that the town government intends to watch closely whether or not the planned U.S. Forces Japan realignment will contribute to reducing base burdens on Kadena town, and will deal flexibly with the realignment issue. Regarding the base-use agreement that Miyagi is calling on the Japanese Government to conclude with the United States, the mayor indicated that Tokyo is avoiding this issue and expressed his intention to continue calling for the agreement.

- Six members from the Shimosedo Hometown Association visited a playground on Kadena that used to be the site of their old town before World War II. The visitors prayed for the members health and prosperity.

As a part of this event, approximately

120 members met and celebrated their annual harvest festival at a community hall in Chatan Town.

- Four divers including one Japanese woman, two Japanese men and one U.S. service member were carried away by a tidal wave into the ocean off-shore near Maeda point in Onna village at 4:40 p.m. on March 12.

At 10:40 p.m., a USAF HH-60 helicopter discovered the two remaining individuals clinging to rocks in a cave. Rescue forces from the 11th Regional Japanese Coast Guard and the U.S. Air Force conducted a search and rescue operation and recovered the Japanese man and the U.S. service member from the cave after midnight. The Japanese man was found conscious even though he appeared to be tired after the ordeal.

- Helicopter units returned to Futenma minutes before Okinawa graduation ceremonies Saturday. The 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit deployed to Guam and the Philippines in January.

Approximately 20 helicopters arrived at MCAS Futenma in Ginowan City minutes before graduation ceremonies at four local junior high schools.





Courtesy Photo

Master Sgt Daryl Bernard and Senior Airman Jason Way, both loadmasters with the 1st Special Operations Squadron at Kadena, toss a wreath out the back of a Combat Talon II during the memorial flight for 24 Airmen killed in an MC-130 crash in 1981.

## Memorial flight honors fallen Air Commandos

By Master Sgt. Marilyn C. Holliday  
353rd Special Operations Group Public Affairs

A Talon aircraft with a 1st Special Operations Squadron crew of 9 plus 15 passengers departed Clark Air Base and crashed 15 minutes later into the waters near Capones Island, Philippines, on Feb. 26, 1981.

In honor of their fallen comrades, members of today's 1st Special Operations Squadron flew a memorial mission Feb. 26 from their home station, Kadena Air Base, to matching coordinates of the 1981 crash, and dropped a wreath and squadron coins out of a Combat Talon II.

Also aboard the memorial flight were members from Det. 3, 25th Information Operations Squadron; 353rd Maintenance Squadron; and the 353rd Special Operations Group security forces.

"Twenty-five years ago there was no indication of any problems with the flight. The last radio transmission was normal," said Lt. Col. B.K. Hammer, 1st Special Operations Squadron commander and mission commander for the memorial flight. "The memorial flight each year honors those who died so that others may live. We take a moment to reflect."

"It was so different than a normal air drop, sort of surreal," said Senior Airman Jason Way, a loadmaster who helped drop the wreath and the youngest of the group with only one year at the squadron. "There's something to be said about respecting our elders and those that came before you. In our line of work we can never lose sight of those who came before us."

The squadron has made the six-hour flight every year since 1981.

"Our heritage is long and rich," said Technical

Sgt. Juan Padilla, engineer who was part of the flight. "It was both a privilege and an honor to be a part of the tradition."

According to Colonel Hammer, the cause of the accident was never determined, but it is believed that instrumentation may have led the pilot to believe that the plane was further above the water than it was.

The Talon of 1981 and today's Combat Talon II are known for low level flying capabilities.

"I'm sure that those Air Commandos fought hard to be a part of that mission, and they died doing what they loved to do," Colonel Hammer said. "Being part of the flight is a great history lesson that teaches us where we've come from. The memorial flight symbolizes and honors the work and the people from 25 years ago. We will always remember and honor them."

## LOST: 'minor cuts, scratches and hypothermia

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ered both Air Force pararescuemen to the cliff top.

The second rescue attempt had Lieutenant James rappelling about 80-feet down the wet cliff using a winch system anchored to the ground above.

"Once I was there, I assessed the survivors and they were without injuries," said Lieutenant James. "They had a few minor cuts and scratches, but were showing the signs of hypothermia," he said.

Taking the brunt of 15- to 20-foot waves pounding against the side of the cliff and himself, Lieutenant James said he hooked the first survivor into a harness and used "chem" lights to signal to Sergeant Molnar and the Japanese team atop the cliff to start pulling.

He waited.

Waited.

And, waited.

The rough exterior of the cliff gave the topside crew difficulty. "It took a while for the team to figure out how to effectively pull us up," said Lieutenant James. "We were finally raised to a ledge

that was about 30 feet above the cave," he said. At this point the two scaled the remaining 50 feet on their own.

After the ground crew took time to readjust the hoist system, the lieutenant was again lowered to the second survivor. "This time the system was working much better and the rescue team was able to pull us up much quicker," he said.

The two survivors were handed off to Japanese fire and rescue crews on site at approximately 1:30 a.m. Monday, and transported to local hospitals for observation. Both were released later that morning. But the survivors weren't the only ones who sustained minor injuries.

"Both of my guys were beaten against the coral cliffs by the crashing waves to the point it shredded their dry suits and booties," said Lt. Col. Chuck Metrolis, 31st RQS commander. "They also had equipment ripped from their bodies during this rescue," he said.

But despite the danger, Lieutenant James said the rescue was a team effort by a variety of agencies. "It was nice to see how smoothly we worked together," he said.

## MALAYSIA: F-15s 'fight' MiG 29s

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the United States, which makes the training critical to understanding our enemy's capabilities. Air Force F-15 pilots have expressed great satisfaction in how the exercise is going so far.

"The chance to fly against a real MiG in simulated combat is the test of any fighter pilot. We train day in and day out to counter such threats as the MiG, though at Kadena we can only try to simulate it with another F-15; there is no substitution for seeing the real thing," said Navy Lt. Abe Bush, F-15 pilot.

Cope Taufan not only provides a rare opportunity to train against unique aircraft, it is also a chance to foster relationships with

an ally in the Pacific region.

"After flying against one of their MiG-29 pilots, I can see they are no different than us when it comes to their love of their jet, love of flying, and intense pride in their country," said Capt. Kirby Ensner, Flight Commander.

"The opportunity within Cope Taufan drives both countries to think about their respective capabilities and limitations. The bottom line is that this deployment really benefits the entire spectrum of participants -- Team Kadena, the Air Force, and the Royal Malaysian Air Force -- because every warrior, no matter how skilled, knows there is always room for improvement."



# Medics, volunteers meet Iraqis' medical needs

By Staff Sgt. Kevin Nichols  
Central Command  
Air Forces News Team

SATHER AIR BASE, Iraq -- Several times a week, medics from the 447th Expeditionary Medical Squadron take a break from their normal "hustle and bustle" work schedule at the clinic to help local Iraqis who feel under the weather.

The medics head out close to the wire to see these patients at the Radhwaniya Medical Clinic Outreach Program building. Tech. Sgt. Michelle Du Lac picked up her stethoscope to listen to a young boy's chest who hasn't been feeling too well lately.

"Can you tell him to breathe hard again for me?" she asked the interpreter.

The medical room she and the other medics see the children in is more like a small office stocked with some medical supplies and certain medicines.

The building sits just inside the base perimeter fence.

These are the days for the medics who can break away from the base's clinic that they look forward to.

"I'm a better medic for being here," Sergeant Du Lac said.

While the medics go in the back to prepare for more patients, volunteers like Staff Sgt. Brian Newton play football with the children waiting for their free checkup.

"I love children," Sergeant Newton said, as he bounced up and down on one end of a seesaw in the backyard of the clinic building.

This is his first time to the site.

"I wanted to come out and give to the Iraqi community. I've wanted to do this since September of last year," said



Air Force/Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

Senior Airman Argenis Sambois carries a box full of toys, candy and school supplies for the children he will see at the Radhwaniya Medical Clinic Outreach Program. Airman Sambois is assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron at Sather Air Base, Iraq. Several times a week, volunteers meet at the facility on the edge of the Baghdad International Airport, and support the medical needs of civilians.

Sergeant Newton, who is deployed from the 100th Security Forces Squadron at Royal Air Force Mildenhall, England.

He hopes by volunteering his time, the children will see him more as a person and less like an Airman at war.

"This (volunteering) is more of a humanitarian mission than a war-time mission," Sergeant Newton said. "They can see us (Americans) more humane than seen on the news."

The risk that these Air Force doctors and volunteers take is considerable with the perimeter fence right behind the building where they care for the Iraqi patients. But they feel the

benefits and caring they bring to the Iraqi community far outweigh that risk.

"Say ah!" Sergeant Du Lac takes a look at a child's throat; red and irritated.

To this little boy, Sergeant Du Lac makes an impression with her tongue depressor, both as a military professional and someone who cares about his health and well being.

During their little "break from the norm," Sergeant Du Lac and the other medics see about 20 to 30 patients a day while at the same time providing a friendship that may just be the best medicine of all.



Air Force/Master Sgt. Lance Cheung

Staff Sgt. Brian Newton helps Iraqi mothers keep their children entertained while waiting to see a medic at the Radhwaniya Medical Clinic Outreach Program. Sergeant Newton is assigned to the 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, Sather Air Base, Iraq. Several times a week volunteers meet at the facility on the edge of the Baghdad International Airport area and support the medical needs of civilians.

## Analysis of tanker fleet options released by RAND

WASHINGTON -- The RAND Corp. released an executive summary March 7 detailing its findings from an analysis of alternatives study to replace the Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker fleet.

The report states, "A fleet of medium to large (300,000 to 1,000,000 pounds maximum gross takeoff weight) commercial derivatives is the most cost-effective alternative for KC-135 recapitalization."

The analysis indicates there are a number of competitive aircraft currently available in this size class.

RAND also concluded that the present value of all life cycle costs of the combination of the KC-135 fleet and its replacement is relatively insensitive to when recapitalization begins.

Therefore, the timing of replacing the KC-135 fleet should be based instead on the Air Force's degree of confidence in the viability of the current fleet, annual budget constraints, and the operational risk associated with

delaying improvements in the capability of the current fleet, the report said.

"We are currently working with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff to finalize our recapitalization strategy and timing, while taking into consideration the studies completed to date. We remain dedicated to ensuring that our warfighters, both present and future, continue to have this critical capability," said Lt. Gen. Donald J. Hoffman, military deputy from the office of the assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition.

Before the Air Force can begin recapitalizing the KC-135 fleet, the Department of Defense must find that the analysis of alternatives is objective and sufficient, and lift the pause placed on the effort.

According to Air Force officials, this analysis is one of the first steps in a transparent, competitive and cost-effective plan to preserve the nation's outstanding tanker capability.

## World War II veteran recalls her service

SCOTT AFB, Ill. -- Their service to the nation during World War II is represented by images like "Rosie the Riveter."

However, American women did much more than fill in for the millions of men in the armed services.

More than 350,000 women were volunteers who served in uniform. Viola Smith, a recreational director from Grant, Fla., was one of those volunteers.

At age 24 she enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in 1944.

Her brother was a welder and one of the 1,150 civilian contractors captured on Wake Island when it was taken by the Japanese in 1941 after a 15-day siege.

She enlisted because of him.

She joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, or WAAC, which later became known as Women's Army Corps, or WAC. Her desire was to be a first sergeant. Instead, "Smitty," as she came to be called, was commissioned a second lieutenant

and became the company commander of dozens of young women. Thirty of the women, "SMITTY"

including Smitty, were assigned to the 5th Army Airways Communications System based in London. The unit provided communications and air traffic control for the 8th Air Force.

Many GIs found love in England, as did Smitty. Capt. Dewey McClellan was a pilot, and their romance resulted in a wedding.

Captain McClellan wore his uniform and Smitty wore a dress from the Red Cross that she had to turn in afterward for another bride to wear.

Her shoes were handmade by another soldier, and the members of her company saved their ration cards for three months so the couple could have a cake.



After V-E day in May 1945, Smitty and other WACs helped set up a headquarters in Wiesbaden, Germany, before heading home on a B-17 Flying Fortress in the fall.

Her husband was the pilot but her homecoming was bittersweet.

"I found out after the war that my brother never left Wake (Island)," she said. "He was one of 98 civilian prisoners gunned down by the Japanese in October 1943."

Back in the United States, Capt. Smitty McClellan joined the Reserves and was later recalled to duty. The family eventually settled in Midwest City, Okla.

Her husband retired from the Air Force after 28 years of service. He died in 1998.

Still vibrant in her 80s, Smitty takes on a more serious tone when she talks about the pride she feels in having served her country. "Serving my country as a volunteer during World War II was a big achievement for me," she said. "We all had a job to do and stayed with it until it was over -- mission accomplished."

## Breathing for ballet



Air Force/Airman 1st Class Gary Edwards

Instructor Liz Hales, a youth ballet coach with the 18th Services Squadron, warms up with her class at the Kadena Youth Center March 7 in preparation for an upcoming recital. The students: Jennifer Deluna, Maggie Ferry, Annie Ferry, Bryan Jordan, Sara Nichols, Jiya Green and Tyra Luce, had just finished going through a series of routines and exercises to refresh what they had learned in previous classes. The Kadena Youth Program hosts a number of activities targeted at a wide range of youths here. For more information call the Kadena Youth Center.

### Today

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** St. Patrick's Day Toga Party from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Lounge. Enter free with a toga.

• Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Membership appreciation night from 5 to 9

p.m. in the ballroom. Entertainment begins at 7 p.m.

• Best of '80s and '90s night from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

### Saturday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Movie on the Lawn near the Banyan Tree begins at 10 p.m. Movie is Napoleon Dynamite. Bring blankets and chairs.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Super Ladies Night from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m.

**KADENA OFFICERS' CLUB:** Girl's night out with St. Patrick's Day theme from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Mixed doubles intermediate division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

### Sunday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Membership night from 3 to 5 p.m.

• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Mixed doubles intermediate division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 6 to 9 p.m.

• Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections

Lounge.

### Monday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Classic and modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

### Tuesday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Rhythm and Blues from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

### Wednesday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

### Thursday

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** USO Band "Clutch" plays at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

• Line dance lessons at 7 p.m., Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Reggae from 5 to 7 p.m., Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

### March 24

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Top 40 music in the ballroom.

• Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Beefeaters Buffet from 5 to 9 p.m.

### March 25

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Mixed doubles open division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Movie on the lawn at Marek Park begins at 7 p.m. Movies will be Shrek and Shrek II.

### March 26

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**KADENA TENNIS CENTER:** Mixed doubles open division tennis tournament starts at 1 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 6 to 9 p.m.

• Best of old and new variety from 7 p.m. to close in the Reflections Lounge.

### March 27

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Classic and modern rock from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

### March 28

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Juke box jams from 7 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Rhythm and Blues from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

### March 29

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Karaoke from 6 to 10 p.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Jazz from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

### March 30

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Line dance lessons at 7 p.m., Country music from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**ROCKER NCO CLUB:** Bingo from 7 to 10 p.m.

• Reggae from 5 to 7 p.m., Karaoke from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Reflections Lounge.

**SCHILLING COMMUNITY CENTER:** Family night from 6 to 8 p.m. Free snacks and board games.

### March 31

**BANYAN TREE CLUB:** Bingo

## M O V I E S

Patrons should call Keystone Theater at 634-1869 or Butler Theater at 645-3465 to verify movie titles, showtimes and ratings.

\* First Run shows are marked by an asterisk.

### Keystone Theater

- ▲ Friday..... Hostel, R, 6 p.m.
- \*Freedomland, R, 9 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.. Last Holiday, PG-13, noon
- Hostel, R, 4 p.m.
- \*Freedomland, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... Last Holiday, PG-13, noon
- Hostel, R, 4 p.m.
- \*Freedomland, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Monday.... Hostel, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Tuesday..... Last Holiday, PG-13, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Wednesday.. Hostel, R, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Thursday... \*Running Scared, R, 7 p.m.

### Butler Theater

- ▲ Friday..... \*Running Scared, R, 7 p.m.
- \*Running Scared, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Saturday.... Narnia, PG, 1 p.m.
- Hoodwinked, PG, 4 p.m.
- \*Running Scared, R, 7 p.m.
- \*Running Scared, R, 10 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday..... Hoodwinked, PG, 1 p.m.
- Narnia, PG, 4 p.m.
- \*Running Scared, R, 7 p.m.

## C H A P E L

### Catholic

- ▲ Monday through Friday : Mass, Chapel 2, noon.
- ▲ Saturday : Confession, Chapel 2, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Vigil Mass, Chapel 2, 5 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday : Mass, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Mass, Chapel 1, 12:30 and 5 p.m.

### Protestant

- ▲ Wednesday : Bible Study, Chapel 2, 7 p.m.
- ▲ Sunday : Inspirational, Chapel 2, 8:30 a.m.
- Liturgical, Chapel 3, 8:45 a.m.
- Evangelical, Chapel 1, 9 a.m.
- Traditional, Chapel 2, 10:30 a.m.
- Gospel, Chapel 3, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday school, Bldg. 327, 8:45 & 10:45 a.m.
- ▲ Contemporary worship: Sundays, Chapel 1, 7:30 p.m.
- ▲ Eastern Orthodox services: Call 645-7486
- ▲ Jewish services: Call 637-1027
- ▲ Islamic services: Call 636-3219





National School of Martial Arts students perform hand drills as part of a warm-up before the 6th Annual Kick-A-Thon Saturday. More than 120 students participated in the 6th Annual Kick-A-Thon was hosted at Kadena's Amelia Earhart Intermediate School gym to help raise money for the military and local community, and to challenge the abilities of the martial arts students. (Photos by Curtis Dondoyano)



Jennifer Suan, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Eric Suan, of the 353rd Operations Support Squadron, does warmup kicks before the start of the 6th Annual Kick-A-Thon Saturday.



Bryana Mincey counts Daniel Biadog's son of Navy Cmdr. Don Biadog, push-ups during the kick-a-thon.

## Kickers raise \$23K for community

By Staff Sgt.  
Chyrece Campbell  
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More than 120 martial arts students from the National School of Martial Arts (NSMA) gathered at the Amelia Earhart Intermediate School Gym to participate in the 6th Annual Kick-A-Thon.

The Kick-A-Thon is a fundraising event by the NSMA in which students from ages 4-45 do as many push-ups and kicks as they can in one minute.

The students received donations from sponsors who either donate per kick and push-up or a flat rate. All donations go to the Misato Children's Home, Kadena USO, AEIS PTA, and Kadena's Youth Center.

"We truly enjoy having our

facility used to support youth events and activities" Mr. Ted Turnipseed, principal of AEIS.

"There is something going on at the school almost every day of the week and it is an honor to give back to the community."

"The kick-a-thon is a chance for the students to improve themselves," said Technical Sgt. Eric Suan, NCOIC of Current Operations with the 353rd OSS. "It's also our way of contributing to the community," he said.

Technical Sgt. Eric Suan, Chief Instructor for the NSMA program in Okinawa, and his wife Maria started the event and have hosted it together every year.

"It's great to see how the event has grown over the years and how the students challenge themselves," Maria Suan said.

"This is my third year doing the kick-a-thon," said Cindy Biadog, daughter of Navy Cmdr. Don Biadog. "My goal was to do better than last year. I was happy to kick 117 times in a minute and do 64 pushups."

This year, the NSMA anticipates raising over \$5,000. To date, NSMA has donated to the local community a total of \$23,298 from their past five kick-a-thons.

"We look forward to enhancing the programs and services that we offer to the military community with the money received from this year's event," said Shari Jenson, director of programs and marketing for USO Okinawa.

Kadena's NSMA was recognized last year by the Governor of Okinawa for its contributions to the Misato Children's Home.



Tech. Sgt. Eric Suan, NCOIC of Current Operations with the 353rd Operations Support Squadron, talks to a class before it started the kick-a-thon event at Kadena's Amelia Earhart Intermediate School.